Aim: What Are The Five Pillars of Islam?

**Grade Level: 9th Grade**

**Objectives**

* Describe the basic beliefs of Islam;
* Explain the meaning of each of the Five Pillars of Islam;
* Compare and contrast the Five Pillars of Islam with the duties of other religions with which they are familiar.

**Overview**

The foundation of Islamic religious practices is the Five Pillars. These basic duties are: belief, worship, fasting, almsgiving, and pilgrimage and they guide Muslims in their daily life. Through the materials presented in this lesson, students will explore and understand the basic beliefs of Islam and the Five Pillars. Students will create posters about the Five Pillars for classroom display.

**Cloze Activity**

Students will do a cloze activity to improve their knowledge and understanding of the Five Pillars of Islam. Students will read a paragraph and complete the sentences using the information provided in the word bank.

Students will then read a paragraph about each Pillar and summarize the main ideas of the paragraph.

Students will use create their own visual representation of the Muslim Pillar

Students will then engage in a paraphrasing activity

At the end of the lesson, students will complete a “Word Splash” activity. They have to write a paragraph that incorporates the words provided as well as all the information learned during the lesson.

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| Word Bank  Islam, Soudi Arabia,  Muslim, Desert |

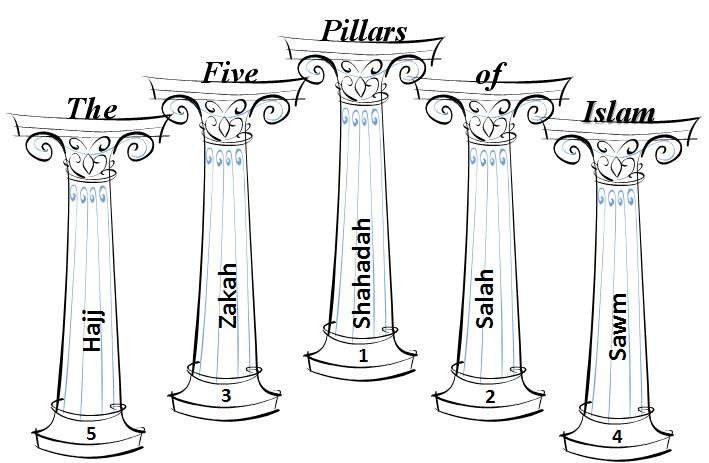
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Topic: The Rise of Islam Global history I and II ESL

**The Rise of Islam**

Aim: What were the origins and beliefs of Islam?

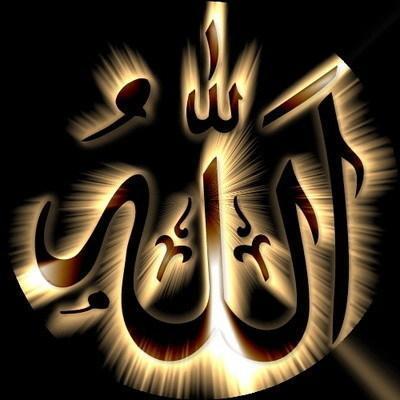
The Religion of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, whose followers are called \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, emerged in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. This region of southwestern Asia is mostly \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, yet it was home to many Arab tribes in the A.D. 500s.



**1. Declaration of Faith**

The Muslim profession of faith is called the shahada. It states, "There is no God but God, Muhammad is the messenger of God" Muslims believe that God had sent other prophets, including Abraham, Moses, and Jesus, but that Muhammad was the last and greatest prophet.

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Main Ideas

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**2. Daily Prayer**

Muslims pray five times each day. After a ritual washing. They face Mecca and perform specific actions as they pray.

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**3. Alms for the Poor**

Muslims care for others by giving charity to the poor. In some Muslim countries, money is collected in the form of a tax called the Zakat. Other Muslims give individual donations.

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**4. Fast during Ramadan**

Muslims fast from sunrise to sunset during the holy month of Ramadan. The sick and very young children are no required to fast. The children below are celebrating the end of Ramadan.

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**5. Hajj**

Muslims who are physically and financially able must make a pilgrimage to pray at the Kaaba in Mecca at least once. More than two million Muslims visit Mecca each year for his purpose. Pilgrims wear simple garments that erase cultural and class differences so that all stand equal before God.



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Why do Muslims perform the Five Pillars?

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**Teachings of Islam**

Like Judaism and Christianity, Islam is monotheistic, based on the belief in one God. The Quran, the sacred text of Islam, teaches that God is all powerful and compassionate. It also states that people are responsible for their own actions. Islam does not require priests to mediate between the people and God. Muslims believe that God had sent other prophets, including Abraham, Moses, and Jesus, but that Muhammad was the last and greatest prophet.

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**Muslims Study the Quran**

To Muslims, the Quran contains the sacred word of God as revealed to Muhammad. It is the final authority on all matters discussed in the text. The Quran teaches about God's will and provides a guide to life. Its standards emphasize honesty, generosity, and social justice. It sets harsh penalties for crimes such as stealing or murder. According to the Quran, each individual will stand before God on the final judgment day to face either eternal punishment in hell or eternal happiness in paradise.

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**People of the Book**

Muslims, Jews, and Christians worship the same God. The Quran teaches that Islam is God's final and complete revelation, while Hebrew scriptures and the Christian Bible contain portions of earlier revelations. Muslims consider Jews and Christians to be "People of the Book," spiritually superior to polytheistic idol worshipers. Although there have been exceptions, the People of the Book have historically enjoyed religious freedom in many Muslim societies.

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How is Islam similar to other religions around the world?

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Word Splash

Islam, Muslims, Mosques, Quran, Hajj, People of the book, Mecca, Medina, Kaaba, Allah, declaration of faith, daily prayer, alms for the poor, fast during Ramadan.

Write a paragraph that incorporates the words above

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